



Youth Athletic Facilities (YAF) Program

Purpose:

Acquiring, developing, equipping, maintaining, and improving youth and community athletic facilities. The program was approved by Washington voters as part of Referendum 48, which provides funding for the Seattle Seahawks stadium.

Eligible Grant Recipients:

Cities, counties, and qualified non-profit organizations. Grant recipients must provide at least 50% matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions.

Eligible Projects:

- acquisition and development of new facilities
- improvement of existing facilities
- maintenance of existing facilities

Funds are divided equally between the three categories of projects.



Grant Evaluation Process:

Grant applications were evaluated in a competitive process by the Community and Outdoor Athletic Facilities Advisory Council (COAFAC), a citizen advisory body established by 1998 legislation. A total of 99 projects were funded.

Revenue Source:

An initial \$10 million was contributed by the Seattle Seahawks “team affiliate” in December 1998. Anticipated revenues from non-expended Seahawks stadium bond monies and other sources are not expected in the next several years.